

### ***Electronic Visa Application***

The U.S. Embassy announces an initiative designed to speed and streamline the nonimmigrant visa application process. With the use of the EVAF (Electronic Visa Application Form), applicants may now complete the nonimmigrant visa application form (number DS-156) at an Internet site using an electronic visa application form. The new form produces a 2-D barcode, which the Consular Section will scan to download the information into its system, making manual data entry unnecessary.

All applicants who choose to benefit from the new EVAF, will receive expedited, one-day service. This means that instead of turning in a hand-written form one day, receiving an appointment, and coming the following day for an interview, you may turn in the EVAF and have your interview almost immediately (in most circumstances).

To take advantage of this timesaving offer, logon to <http://evisaforms.state.gov/> and click on:  
**DS-156: Nonimmigrant Visa Application.** You will find detailed instructions concerning the type of computer equipment needed, how to fill in the form, how to download it, etc. The EVAF does not permit users to save the form or complete part of it now and the rest later. All information must be filled in at one time and the form downloaded. None of the information is saved for you or any other viewer once you download your form. Answer all questions completely.

As with all consular information and forms, the new EVAF is **FREE**.